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## REVIEWS OF BIOGRAPHY-BIBLIOGRAPHY SERIES OF USER SCIENTISTS

This information is published in a series of small pemphlets for the purpose of acquainting the peoples of the USSR with the achievements of their femous scientists. These pamphlets contain basic data on the life and scientific activity of the scientist in question, bibliography of his literary achievements, and general nature of his scientific activity.

In this article Prof A. I. Metelkin briefly evaluates two such penphlets.

- At Mikolay Federovich Camaleya, published in the series, Data for a Biography-Bibliography Series of USER Scientists. Biology Series: Midrebiology. Introduction by I. S. Grysnova; bibliography arranged by W. M. Mesterova. Published by the Academy of Sciences USER, Moscow-Leningrad, 1947, 43 pages, I photograph, 2,000 copies. Price 3 rubles.
- 2. Konstantin Ivanovich Ekryslin, published in the same series, under the topic heading of 'Melkinthology." Introduction by H. P. Skikhobalova; bibliography arranged by C. V. Isakova. Published in 1947, 83 pages, 1 photograph, 2,000 copies. Price 4 rubles.

Matelkin praises the pumphlet on Skryabin and hopes that all other pumphlets of the series will equal it in excellence. To notes, however, that the pumphlet on Gamaleya contained numerous errors. Metalkin states idea of the pumphlet series is excellent and that although the gist on the material contained in the pumphlet on Skryabin is valuable, its value is greatly decreased by inconsistancies with accepted scientific and historical facts. For example, it states that Skryabin was the first to discover methods for controlling various cattle plegues, and completely ignores the fact that scores of Russian scientists preceded Skryabin in this type of work.

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Metelkin mentions several factors to be taken into account in the organization and writing of subsequent pamphlets. Recause of the nature of these pamphlets they will undoubtedly receive a very large circulation. If the biographies of the scientists continue to be presented in an uninteresting manner subsequent issues in the series may not be read. He therefore suggests that the bibliographies should not follow a streetyped pattern but should be presented in an interesting manner, generously supplied with photographs of the subject scientist showing the various periods of his life and scientific activity. Thus the pamphlets will stimulate the youth of the USSR to strive for greater scientific achievements.

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